

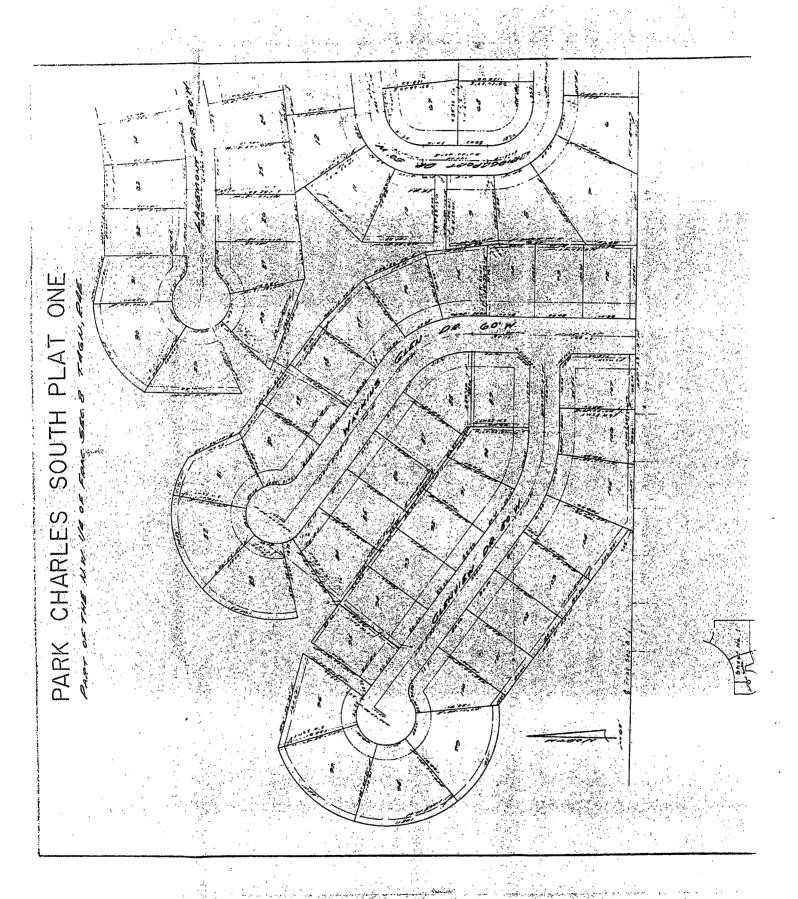
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St. Charles County, Missouri Ehlmann Road STP-7302 (616) Laclede Gas W.O. 64698/59400/64699

UTILITY AGREEMENT

This Agreement, entered into by and between LACLEDE GAS COMPANY, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, with its address at 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101, hereinafter called "Company" and the County of St. Charles, Missouri, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, with its address at 201 N. Second Street, Suite 429, St. Charles, Missouri 63301, hereinafter called "County," WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, County proposes to construct Ehlmann Road in accordance with road improvement plans on file in the Engineering Office for the County of St. Charles, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, County's road project will impact Company's facilities which were originally installed entirely on private easement of the Company as shown hatched on Exhibit "A" and

WHEREAS, in order to improve said roadway in accordance with said plans, it will be necessary to adjust certain facilities of the Company, such changes being generally shown in legend on plat marked as Exhibit "B" and Estimate of Cost, marked Exhibit "C," attached hereto and each made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, it is agreed as follows:

(1) Company grants to County, its successors and assigns, the right to construct, reconstruct, and maintain a roadway over and across portions of Company's easements, the areas shown on Exhibit "A" hereto. County's obligation to reimburse Company for the cost of adjusting Company's facilities shall be as hereinafter provided in this Utility Agreement with respect to adjustments provided for by this Agreement.

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- (2) Following the execution of this Agreement, Company will proceed, without unnecessary delay, to perform the adjustments to Company's facilities as described on Exhibit "B", or on such more detailed plans as may be approved hereafter by the parties hereto (hereinafter called the "Work").
- (3) As shown on Exhibit "C", the total cost of the Work to be performed by Company to facilitate County's road improvement is estimated to be \$165,569. County's obligation toward the actual total cost of the Work to be performed by Company under this Agreement shall be as follows:

100% of the actual total cost (whether such actual total cost be more than or less than, the estimate set forth above in this Paragraph 3) of the Ehlmann project.

(4) Payments will be made by County to Company as follows:

Prior to construction, County will promptly pay to Company 100% of the estimated cost of the Work. Upon completion of said Work, Company will provide a detailed statement of cost, together with supporting accounting records to County. If actual total costs are more than the estimated cost of \$165,569, City will promptly pay to Company 100% of the difference between actual total and estimated costs. If actual total costs are less than the estimated cost of \$165,569, Company will promptly reimburse County 100% of the difference between actual total and estimated costs.

- (5) If any change is made by County in the original plan and extent of the work, County agrees that full reimbursement therefore shall be covered by a supplemental agreement or change order having approval of the County and Company PRIOR to the performance of the Work.
- (6) County agrees to furnish Company with all information regarding the road improvement necessary in order for Company to properly complete the relocation of Company's facilities. County further agrees to cause all individuals working on the Ehlmann Road Improvement project to cooperate with Company as necessary for Company to perform the Work.

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- (7) Upon completion of the Work, Company shall remove all leftover materials and debris resulting from the Work, and leave the right of way in a neat, workmanlike condition, free of holes, mounds of dirt or other objectionable material.
- (8) In the event of future improvements, reconstruction, or maintenance of the highway or drainage structures involved which from time to time necessitate the additional/further relocation of Company's facilities identified on Exhibit "A", County will advise Company of contemplated changes and will reimburse Company for costs and expenses incurred by it in relocating or otherwise adjusting its facilities located on private easement, including those facilities which were originally located on private easement but were previously moved to public right-of-way to accommodate prior County projects.
- (9) In the event Company must excavate to replace, expand, relocate or maintain its facilities indentified on Exhibit "A", Company will request a permit from County which will be granted without cost to Company. Company will comply with all lawful conditions of such permit, but the cost of restoration of County's road and drainage facilities damaged by Company, will be paid by County.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parti	ies hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their
duly authorized officials.	·
Executed by Company this	day of,,
Executed by County this	day of,
	LACLEDE GAS COMPANY
[SEAL]	Craig R. Hoeferlin Asst. Vice President Engineering & Field Services
Mary C. Kullman Secretary	
	COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI
	By:(Title)

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY COUNTY

STATE OF MISSOURI)	•
COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES)	
On the day of	of, before me,
	, a notary public in and for said state, appeared
	, to me personally known, did say that he/she is
	of the COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI and that the
seal affixed to the foregoing instru	ment is the official seal of said COUNTY and that said instrument was
signed and sealed in behalf of said	d COUNTY by authority of its
and said	acknowledged said instrument to be the free act
and deed of said COUNTY.	
In Testimony Whereof, I ha	ve hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in
	the day and year first above written.
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	Notary Public
My Commission expires:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY CORPORATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)) ss.		
CITY OF ST. LOUIS)) 55.		·
On this	day of		, before me,
	, a notal	ry public in and for said	state, appeared
Craig R. Hoeferlin, to me	personally known, who being by	y me duly sworn, did say	that he is Assistant
Vice President/Engineerin	g & Field Services of LACLEDE	E GAS COMPANY, and	that the seal affixed t
the foregoing instrument i	s the corporate seal of said corp	poration and that said ir	strument was signed
and sealed in behalf of sa	id corporation by authority of its	s Board of Directors and	the said <u>Craig R.</u>
<u>Hoeferlin</u> acknowledged s	aid instrument to be the free ac	ct and deed of said corp	oration.
In Testimony When	reof, I have hereunto set my har	nd and affixed my officia	al seal at my office in
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My Commission expires:			

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ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

EXHIBIT "C" - Main Installation Ehlmann Road Relocation - Shady Oak to Zumbehl

All TOTALS* Have Been Rounded to	the Nearest Whole Dollar	тот	ALS*
<u>Material</u>	\$		5,897
Labor to Install New Material Contract Labor ===> 556 Manhours	\$		17,337
Management Labor	\$		3,249
Contract Work by Others	\$		0
Mechanical Equipment Cost	\$		10,639
<u>Department Clearings</u> Allowed Time, Supervision, Non-Productive Labor & Tool Expense	\$		24,621
Material Clearings	\$		1,297
Payroll Taxes	\$		3,065
Overhead & Interest	\$		26,442
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ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

EXHIBIT "C" - Main Retirement Ehlmann Road Relocation - Shady Oak to Zumbehl

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Labor to Install New Material Contract Labor ===> 70 Manhours Management Labor		\$ \$	1,951 62
Contract Work by Others		\$	47,500
Mechanical Equipment Cost		\$	207
Department Clearings Allowed Time, Supervision, Non-Productive Labor & Tool Expense		\$	2,449
Material Clearings		\$	· 3
Payroll Taxes		\$	335
Overhead & Interest		\$	2,501
	Retirement Total Cost	\$	55,022
	Installation Total Cost	\$	92,547
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	Service Transfers (12)	\$	18,000
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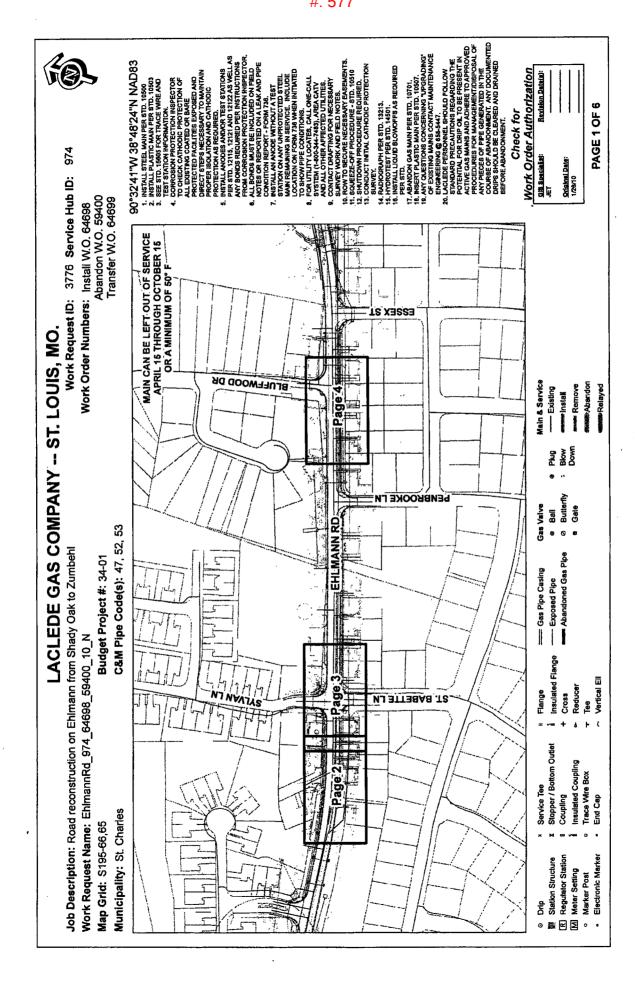
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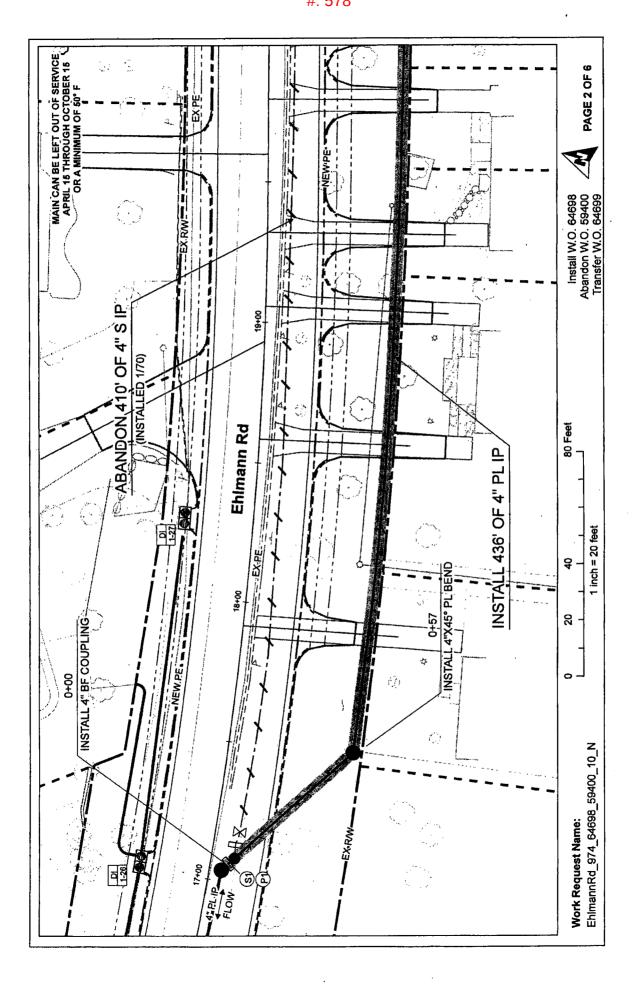
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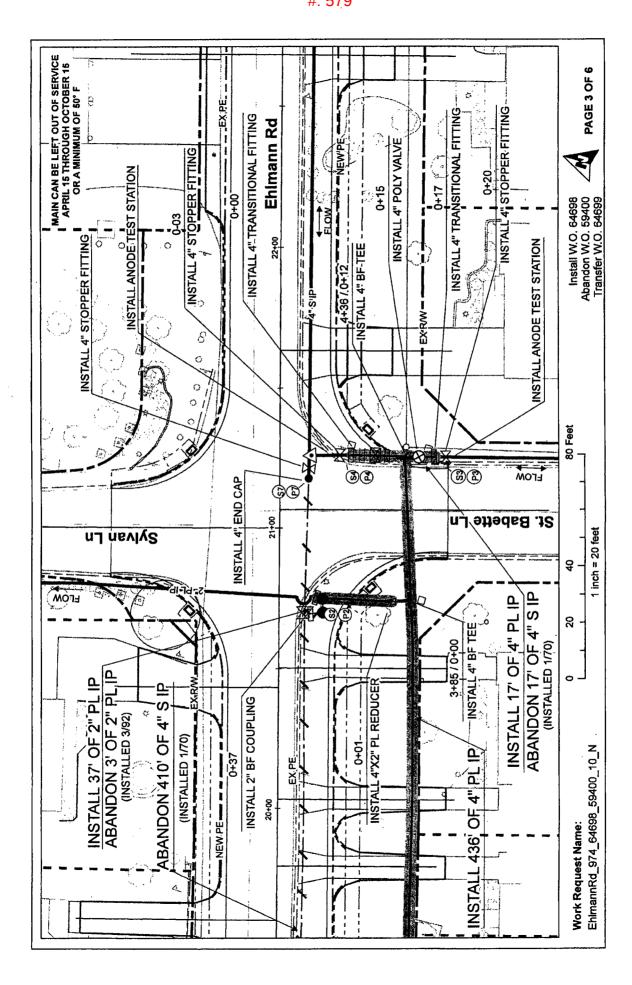
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6.5%	= 0.065	Engineering Department Clearing Factor	
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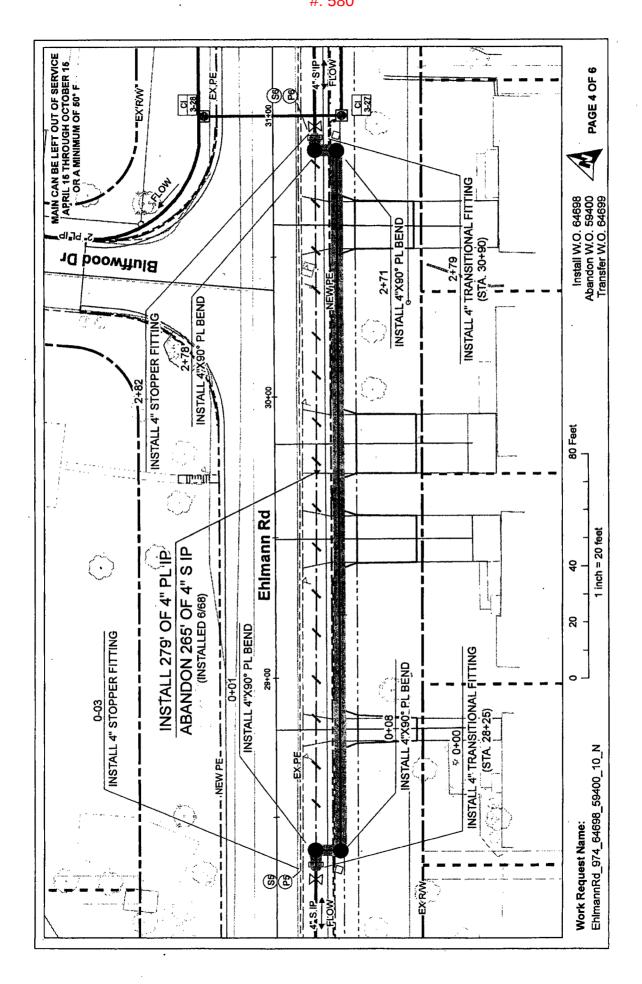
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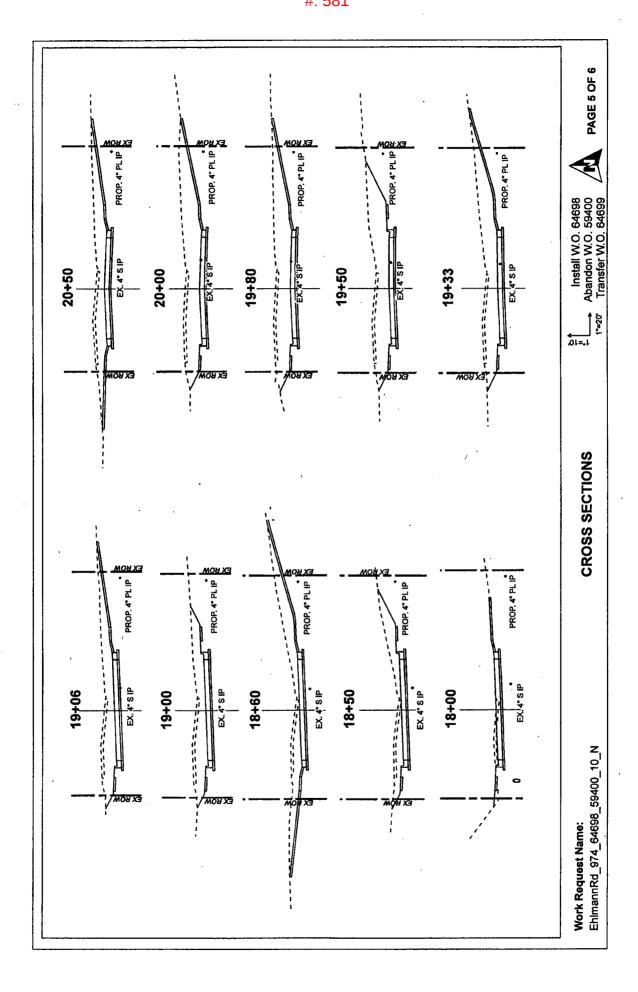
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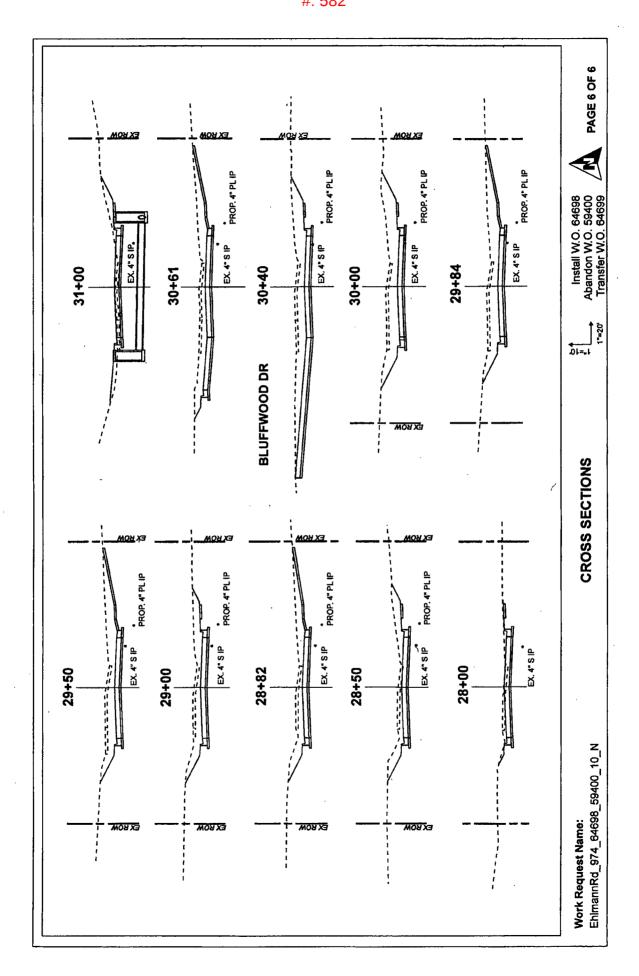












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CLEDE GAS COMPANY ST. LOUIS, MO. Shady Oak to Zumbehl IO_N Work Request ID: Work Order Numi lget Project #: 34-01 M Pipe Code(s): 47, 52, 53		
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St. Charles County Government

Highway Department Craig Taikowski, County Engineer

February 11, 2010

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Mr. David Abernathy
Laclede Gas Company
3950 Forest Park Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63108

Re: Ehlmann Road - STP-7302(616)
Relocation Plan Rejection

Dear Mr. Abernathy:

We have received your written response of January 20, 2011 to St. Charles County's rejection of the Laclede Gas Company Relocation Plan for the above referenced project. We have reviewed the information provided; however, we simply do not agree that any of our objections are "waived by... untimeliness:" We are confident that the objections remain both proper and certainly relevant.

Over the past several years, St. Charles County has implemented and fairly rigidly followed the timelines established by the St. Charles County Road Utility Relocation Act (SCCRURA). It is our intent to continue to follow those timelines as closely as possible; however, the fact that Laclede Gas Company continues to assert its and the legal positions of the timelines. In general, Laclede Gas is benefitting by any additional time that the County takes to review the plan and the legal positions, since the additional review time will not be held against your company. The ordinance also still provides a full 30-day period for Laclede Gas to reply to the rejection, regardless of the fact that the County's reply was later than the specified time frame.

I requested an opinion from Greg Dohrman on what consequences result from the County's responding after the 30-day timeline. His answer is as follows:

The fact that the County responded after the 30-day time frame in the ordinance does not have any effect, since the ordinance contains no penalty for failing to comply with that particular provision. "If an ordinance lacks a penal provision, it is beyond the court's power to prescribe one, as the fixing of a penalty is a legislative, not a judicial, function." 5 McQuillin Mun. Corp. § 17:2 (3rd ed., Westlaw database updated October 2010). This principle negates Laclede's claim that the County has waived any objections to the plan. Furthermore, in general, counties enjoy sovereign immunity from claims that they have violated their own ordinances. "It's good to be the King." Brooks, Mel, History of the World: Part I (20th Century Fox, 1981):

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The County reiterates our position that the Laclede Gas Relocation Plan is not compatible with the anticipated letting date and the anticipated notice to proceed for the project. The Relocation Plan does not assure timely completion of the project, as detailed in our earlier correspondence. In accordance with the SCCRURA, Laclede Gas Company had thirty (30) calendar days to submit a revised Relocation Plan that addressed the previously noted concerns. The thirty day period expired on January 20, 2011. Due to the need to review the legal arguments, however, the County will agree to an extension and consider a revised plan if it is submitted by February 23, 2011. If a revised Relocation Plan is not submitted by that date, the County will have the right to establish a Relocation Plan for Laclede Gas Company. Once established, a subsequent failure to comply with that established Relocation Plan (including schedule) could cause Laclede Gas Company to incur fines of \$1,000 per day.

Laclede Gas has expressed its willingness to enter into an escrow agreement with the County to provide a measure of financial security in the unlikely event of a final court ruling in their favor. While the County has continued to prevail in the litigation, we remain willing to utilize a mutually agreeable escrow agreement. However, there appear to be several issue that remain to be worked out, and it is evident the Laclede Gas Company's failure to relocate will delay our road project. If Laclede Gas is serious in their statements that their crews stand ready to begin the relocation work, I would reiterate my earlier suggestion. Laclede Gas can begin work immediately on those areas where the subject of reimbursement is not an issue. There are locations on this project where your lines need to be adjusted that are located in the original road right-of-way and do not fall in the disputed area. It would make sense to proceed with work in those areas, but to date I have not heard any response to this suggestion.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (636) 949-7900, ext. 7165, or by email at cbostic@sccmo.org.

Sincerely,

Chris Bostic, P.E., PTOB Engineering Design Manager

CKB/bmr

cc:

Craig Tajkowski, County Engineer Kristen Rhodes, Highway Projects Engineer Greg Dohrman, Associate County Counselor

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St. Charles County Government

Highway Department Craig Tajkowski, County Engineer

September 27, 2011

Ms. Mary Caola Kullman, Registered Agent Laclede Gas Company 720 Olive Street St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Re: Laclede Gas Facilities on Ehlmann Road in St. Charles County, Missouri
Notice of Necessity of Removal or Alteration of Facilities

Dear Ms. Kullman:

As your company is aware, St. Charles County is in the process of improving Ehlmann Road. The project will include changes of grades in some areas where your company has facilities located within the road right-of-way.

Pursuant to § 229.350 RSMo. and Article I, § 1.501 of the Charter of St. Charles County, Missouri, I am hereby giving your company notice that it will be necessary for the location of your company's facilities to be altered, or in the alternative removed, in the following areas:

- the south side of Ehlmann Road from Station 17+00 to 21+25; and
- the south side of Ehlmann Road from Station 28+35 to 31+00.

The stations referred to are as shown on the construction plans for the Ehlmann Road Improvement Project, copies of which have previously been supplied to your company and which can also be viewed in the St. Charles County Highway Department during normal business hours. The same stations are also shown in the relocation plans prepared by your company dated January 26, 2010, drafted by GIS Specialist "JET," and submitted to the Highway Department on March 23, 2010 as part of your company's relocation plan prepared specifically for the Ehlmann Road project.

This alteration or removal needs to be completed no later than October 21, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Completion by this time is necessary to avoid unnecessary delays in the road improvements. Pursuant to § 229.360 RSMo., your company has the duty to furnish such competent workmen and crews as may be necessary to effect such removal or alteration, and to pay all actual expenses which are incurred in so doing.

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Should your company fail or refuse to perform such alteration or removal by the stated deadline, St. Charles County will be entitled to hire a competent and experienced contractor to perform the work, with your company ultimately being liable for all costs incurred. Since your company submitted plans for the relocation of these facilities well over a year ago, it should be fully prepared to execute those plans without delay. If you are willing to make a concerted effort to perform the work but need additional time to do so, please contact me to discuss the matter and I can consider whether an extension to the schedule would be appropriate.

I trust that your company will abide by its legal duties and avoid any need for the County to arrange for the performance of this work. If that does become necessary, however, the County will have the work performed in a manner as reasonably close to that shown on your company's relocation plans as is practical under the circumstances, track the costs incurred, and invoice your company for reimbursement.

Craig Tajkowski, County Engineer

Sincere

cc: George Dowdy, Construction Manager, Laclede Gas Company

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St. Charles County Government

Highway Department Craig Tajkowski, County Engineer

October 6, 2011

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Ms. Mary Caola Kullman, Registered Agent Laclede Gas Company 720 Olive Street St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Re: Laclede Gas Facilities on Thoele Road in St. Charles County, Missouri Notice of Necessity of Removal or Alteration of Facilities

Dear Ms. Kullman:

As your company is aware, St. Charles County is in the process of improving Thoele Road. The project will include changes of grades in some areas where your company has facilities located within the road right-of-way.

Pursuant to § 229.350 RSMo. and Article I, § 1.501 of the Charter of St. Charles County, Missouri, I am hereby giving your company notice that it will be necessary for the location of your company's facilities to be altered, or in the alternative removed, in the following area:

 the east side of Thoele Road from Station 5+75 RT to the west side of Thoele Road (north of Fairfield Court) at Station 6+15 LT.

The stations referred to are as shown on the construction plans for the Thoele Road Improvement Project, copies of which have previously been supplied to your company and which can also be viewed in the St. Charles County Highway Department during normal business hours. The same stations are also shown in the relocation plans prepared by your company dated April 21, 2010, drafted by GIS Specialist "SFS," and submitted to the Highway Department on September 10, 2010 as part of your company's relocation plan prepared specifically for the Thoele Road project.

This alteration or removal needs to be completed no later than October 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Completion by this time is necessary to avoid unnecessary delays in the road improvements. Pursuant to § 229.360 RSMo., your company has the duty to furnish such competent workmen and crews as may be necessary to effect such removal or alteration, and to pay all actual expenses which are incurred in so doing.

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Should your company fail or refuse to perform such alteration or removal by the stated deadline, St. Charles County will be entitled to hire a competent and experienced contractor to perform the work, with your company ultimately being liable for all costs incurred. Since your company submitted plans for the relocation of these facilities over a year ago, it should be fully prepared to execute those plans without delay. If you are willing to make a concerted effort to perform the work but need additional time to do so, please contact me to discuss the matter and I can consider whether an extension to the schedule would be appropriate.

I trust that your company will abide by its legal duties and avoid any need for the County to arrange for the performance of this work. If that does become necessary, however, the County will have the work performed in a manner as reasonably close to that shown on your company's relocation plans as is practical under the circumstances, track the costs incurred, and invoice your company for reimbursement.

Sincerely

cc:

Craig Tajkowski, County Engineer

George Dowdy, Construction Manager, Laclede Gas Company

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David P. Abernathy
Vice President &
Associate General Counsel,
Industrial Relations and
Claims Management

October 11, 2011

Laclede Gas Company
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Mr. Craig Tajkowski County Engineer St. Charles County Government Highway Department 201 N. Second St., Suite 429 St. Charles, MO 63301

Re: Laclede Gas Facilities on Ehlmann Road

Dear Mr. Tajkowski:

Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") has received your letter of September 27, 2011, addressed to Mary Kullman of our offices demanding that it remove certain gas facilities ("Gas Facilities") from the area of Ehlmann Road by October 21, 2011, to accommodate a St. Charles County ("County") highway project. As you must be aware, there is no approved or established relocation plan for these facilities. Laclede submitted such a plan on March 23, 2010, as you correctly point out. However, the County rejected Laclede's relocation plan by letter, dated February 11, 2011, because it was contingent on a Utility Agreement which provided for County reimbursement of Laclede's relocation costs.

Absent an approved relocation plan, the County may not require the utility to begin relocation. Section 147.105.E(1) of the St. Charles County Code provides that: "The County shall notify the owner in writing not less than thirty (30) days before the owner is required to begin relocation provided for in the approved relocation plan." Equally importantly, the September 27, 2011 letter, which demanded relocation by October 21, 2011, did not provide the required thirty (30) days notice. Additionally, the relocation provisions of Code do not apply to utility facilities located in constitutionally protected utility easements.

These Gas Facilities are located in utility easements depicted on plats 5 and 6 of the St. Charles Hills subdivision plats. On August 30, 2011, the Missouri Supreme Court held that language dedicating utility easements in subdivision plats created constitutionally-protected easement rights and that Laclede could not be compelled to relocate gas facilities from those utility easements without compensation. That decision applies to the utility easement rights created by plats 5 and 6 of the St. Charles Hills



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subdivision plats. In other words, Laclede is entitled to compensation for relocating its Gas Facilities.

For this reason, both Section 229.360 R. S. Mo. and Article I, Section 1.501 of the County Charter are unconstitutional if applied to force removal of the Gas Facilities at Laclede's expense. No statute or Charter provision can be constitutional if it is interpreted to deprive citizens of the rights guaranteed by the Missouri and United States Constitutions.

As written, Section 229.360 R. S. Mo. does not apply to utility easements. As written, Section 229.360 R. S. Mo applies to facilities located "under the right of way of any public way." The Gas Facilities are not located under the auspice of a right-of-way license, but rather via easements conveyed to Laclede through the St. Charles Hills subdivision plats. The legislative definition of public right-of-way includes areas on or below a public roadway but does not include "easements obtained by utilities... in platted subdivision tracts." Section 67.1830(9) R. S. Mo. Section 229.360 R. S. Mo. does not authorize the County to deprive Laclede of its constitutional rights.

You mention in your letter that the County will arrange for the relocation of the Gas Facilities if Laclede does not do so. Laclede does not consent to such actions. The County has no expertise in the relocation of gas facilities and any tampering with active gas lines threatens public safety. County witnesses in *Laclede v. St. Charles County*, Cause No. 0811-CV11939, testified under oath that only Laclede is qualified to move its gas facilities and that the County does not have the expertise or ability to do this work in any event.

Your letter demanding relocation of the Gas Facilities by October 21, 2011, is inconsistent with the statements made by the County Construction Manager related to these relocations. On September 26, 2011, the County Construction Manager advised those present at the Utility Coordination meeting (including Kent Thaemert of Laclede) that the County will probably shut down the job for the winter once Ameren completes its work. Laclede's Relocation Plan, submitted more than eighteen months ago, advised the County that these Gas Facilities have a weather restriction and cannot be taken out of service between October 15 and April 15. Kent Thaemert reminded County representatives of this situation during the Utility Coordination meeting.

Laclede has no desire to delay or impede the progress of County road projects. It has offered many times to relocate its facilities, providing there are adequate and binding agreements that preserve its constitutional rights to reimbursement for relocation of gas facilities from utility easements. Each time, the County has rejected such offers and increased its demands that Laclede surrender its constitutional rights. Each time, the County has reacted with filing and threats of filing more lawsuits against Laclede for asserting its constitutional rights.

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For this reason, Laclede has filed a Verified Complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri seeking declaratory and injunctive relief against the County under 42 U. S. C. Section 1983 for its actions and threatened actions to deprive Laclede of its rights secured by the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution. A copy of the Verified Complaint is enclosed.

As always, Laclede remains willing to work with the County to relocate its Gas Facilities in timely fashion provided its constitutional rights are preserved.

Sincerely,

David P. Abernathy

cc: Mary M. Bonacorsi, Esq.

Mark C. Darrell

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Re: Laclede Gas Facilities on Thoele Road

Dear Mr. Tajkowski:

Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") has received your letter of October 6, 2011, addressed to Mary Kullman of our offices demanding that it remove certain gas facilities ("Gas Facilities") from the area of Thoele Road by October 28, 2011, to accommodate a St. Charles County ("County") highway project. As you must be aware, there is no approved or established relocation plan for these facilities. Laclede submitted such a plan on September 10, 2010, as you correctly point out. However, the County rejected Laclede's relocation plan by letter, dated December 21, 2010, because it was contingent on a Utility Agreement which provided for County reimbursement of Laclede's relocation costs.

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These Gas Facilities are located in utility easements depicted on the plats for the Fairfield Place and Park Charles South subdivisions ("Subdivision Plats"). On August 30, 2011, the Missouri Supreme Court held that language dedicating utility easements in subdivision plats created constitutionally-protected easement rights and that Laclede could not be compelled to relocate gas facilities from those utility easements without

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More than a year ago, Laclede advised the County, as part of its Relocation Plan, that these Gas Facilities have a weather restriction and cannot be taken out of service between November 1 and April 1. Kent Thaemert reminded County representatives of the situation during the Utility Coordination meeting of September 26, 2011.

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Re: Notice to Commission pursuant to 49 U.S. C. Section 60123

Laclede Gas Company v. St. Charles County, et al

Cause No:4:11-cv-01766-HEA

U. S. District Court Eastern District of Missouri

Dear Mr. Reed:

We represent Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") in the above-captioned matter involving the threatened tampering with Laclede's transmission lines in the vicinity of Ehlmann Road in St. Charles County. As part of certain road construction projects, St. Charles County ("County") and its general contractor L. J. Krupp Construction, Inc. ("Krupp") have threatened to remove, without further notice, certain active gas transmission lines from easements along this road.

Laclede has filed an action against the County and Krupp in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri styled Laclede Gas Company v. St. Charles County, et al, Cause No. 4:11-cv-01766-HEA. Additionally, Laclede has moved for a Preliminary Injunction in Cause No. 4:11-cv-01766-HEA to prevent the threatened interference with its gas facilities. A copy of the Motion for Preliminary Injunction and other pertinent pleadings, which describe in detail the threatened destruction of Laclede's facilities, are enclosed herewith.

We are providing the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), as the appropriate State authority under 49 U. S. C. § 60121, with notice that the County and Krupp's threatened conduct is a violation of the National Pipeline Safety Statute, 49 U.S.C. §§ 60101-60301, ("National Pipeline Act") which prohibits damaging or destroying a gas pipeline affecting interstate commerce. 49 U.S.C. §§ 60123. This threatened conduct is also a violation of Laclede's published tariff, P.S.C.MO. No. 5 Consolidated, Fourth Revised Sheet No. R-12, Section 13, and Missouri's anti-tampering statute, R. S. Mo. §§ 569.080 and 569.090.

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On Laclede's behalf, we hereby request that the Commission follow up, as appropriate, with enforcement action to prevent interference with Laclede's facilities. In the event the Commission chooses not to bring an enforcement action against the County and/or Krupp, this letter is Laclede's notification to the Commission that it will seek leave to amend its Verified Complaint in Cause No. 4:11-cv-01766-HEA to assert its private right of action under the National Pipeline Act, 49 U.S.C. §§ 60121.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned and/or David P. Abernathy, Laclede Vice President and Associate General Counsel, at 314-342-0536, if you require further information or wish to discuss this matter. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Thompson Coburn LLP

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cc: Bob Leonberger

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Dear Mr. Abernathy and Ms. Bonacorsi,

In response to your letter dated January 4, 2012, the Missouri Public Service Commission advises that it will not bring an action against St. Charles County under 49 U.S.C. 60121 or other authority to address violations of the National Pipeline Safety Act, 49 U.S.C. sections 60101-60301, violations of Laclede's published tariffs, or Missouri statutes.

Please consider this a waiver of any right the Commission may have to pursue such an action. The Commission's intent is to step aside so that Laclede may pursue whatever action it feels appropriate under state or federal law.

Please call me with any questions.

Yours very truly,

Steven C. Reed General Counsel

Cc: Chairman Kevin Gunn

Cc: Bob Leonberger, PSC Gas Safety Manager

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